

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8-10, and 16-23 are independent.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,775,680 to Ehrman, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Ehrman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,295,752 to Jain, et al. (hereinafter, merely, "Jain")

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

...a metadata notation format identification block for identifying a notation format of metadata written in a predetermined language;

a conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation format of said metadata from among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance;

a metadata notation format conversion block for **converting said notation format of said metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal processing apparatus on the basis of said selected conversion table...** (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Ehrman* nor *Jain*, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. .

Specifically, Applicants submit that the following cited portions of *Ehrman*, specifically column 3, lines 48-67, are used in the rejection for each of the above-recited features of claim 1.

One embodiment of the invention is a method of processing a transaction on or between an end user application and one or more application servers. The method comprises the steps of initiating the transaction on the end user application in a first language with a first application program, transmitting the transaction to the server, and converting the transaction from the first language of the first end user application to a language running on the application server. Typically, as described above, the client will be a thin client or a Web browser, the application running on the client will be a Web browser application or a thin client connectivity application, and the language of the client application will be Java, C, C++, or a markup language, as HTML or a derivative of HTML, such as XML or Dynamic HTML or WML, or the like, and the language running on the server is HLASM (High Level Assembler) or the like. The invention facilitates transformers which convert the transaction from the first language of the end user application to a language running on the application server. After conversion, the converted transaction is processed on the application server.

Applicants submit that the cited portions of Ehrman do not suggest or render predictable a metadata notation format identification block for identifying a notation format of metadata written in a predetermined language, a conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation format of said metadata from among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance, and a metadata notation format conversion block for converting said notation format of said metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal processing apparatus on the basis of said selected conversion table, as recited in claim 1.

Specifically, claim 1 recites “a conversion table selection block for **selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation format of said metadata** from among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance.” Ehrman does not suggest or render predictable this feature. Rather, Ehrman discloses a “transformer” which is defined at column 5, lines 56-65, reproduced below:

The transformer is configured and controlled to receive a request from the end user application, and convert the request from the first language of the first end user application to high level assembler language running on the server. The server is configured and controlled to receive the converted request from the transformer and process the request in a second language with a second application program residing on the server, and to thereafter transmit a response through a transformer back to the end user application.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable. For the same, or similar reasons, the other independent claims 8-10 and 16-23 are also allowable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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